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CEYLON: PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE MAY MAKE SOME CABINET CHANGES SOON.

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THE PRIME MINISTER IS CONTEMPLATING THE DISMISSAL OF SOME MEMBERS OF HER THREE-PARTY COALITION GOVERNMENT FOR CONNIVING WITH THE ''CHE GUEVARISTS'' INSURGENT MOVEMENT AND FOR ENCROACHING ON HER POWER. SHE IS WORRIED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF THE MINISTERS, IF REMOVED, MIGHT USE THEIR CONTROL OF TRADE UNIONS TO GENERATE DISTURBANCES.

TYING THE MINISTERS WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE DISMISSED WITH TRADE UNIONS COULD INDICATE THAT ONE OR
MORE OF THE MINISTERS FROM THE TROTSKYITE PARTY MAY
BE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR DISMISSAL AS THEY ARE
ACTIVE IN LABOR MATTERS. ALTHOUGH SOME LOWER-ECHELON TROTSKYITE LEADERS HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE
INSURRECTION, THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE SO FAR INVOLVING THOSE OF CABINET RANK.

THE CABINET IS A MIXTURE OF MODERATES AND LEFT-ISTS, INCLUDING THE THREE TROTSKYITES AS WELL AS THE SOLE COMMUNIST. ALTHOUGH HER PARTY CONTROLS A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIA-MENT, MRS. BANDARANAIKE ALSO MAY BE RELUCTANT TO MOVE FOR FEAR OF ALIENATING THE MANY LEFTISTS IN HER OWN PARTY. A FEW MINISTERS OF MINOR IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER, COULD PROBABLY BE REPLACED WITHOUT CREATING A STIR OR DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM THE INSURRECTION, WHICH SEEMS TO BE ENTERING A RELATIVELY QUIET PHASE INVOLVING PROTRACTED JUNGLE SKIRMISHING.

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